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5 November 1958

CONTACT REPORT

PLACE : Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N.Y.
DATE : 27-28 October 1958
TIME : 2030 hours - 0130 hours (28 Oct)

PRESENT : E E E
Dr. I. Docheff — GERMAN

1. Messrs E and E met with Dr. I. Docheff in Room 1034 of the Statler Hotel. The meeting commenced at 2030 hours and terminated at 0130 hours. We began the meeting by requesting Docheff to give us a verbal report on the outcome of the ENF meeting held in Niagara Falls, Canada on 4 and 5 October.

2. Docheff proceeded to defend his previous stand on his views regarding the split within the supreme leadership of the ENF. He remained adamant in his desire that the Canadian and American representations of the ENF be the supreme authority in all matters of the ENF (world-wide basis) with the presidency remaining with the incumbent, Docheff. For obvious reasons this resolution met with heavy opposition and resulted in a split of the representatives present into pro-and anti-Docheff factions. Naturally these factions were in existence prior to the Niagara Falls meeting. However, Docheff's stand at this meeting tended to widen this split.

3. Many other matters pertaining to the ENF were discussed at this meeting. These matters dealt chiefly with the personal squabbles which are ever present among any exile political faction. Since I feel that they are of no concern to ZRENAUTLE no mention of them is being made in this report. The meeting lasted five hours and could easily had been accomplished in at least two hours. However, Docheff repeated many of his arguments and was repetitious in his denunciations of the anti-Docheff clique, chiefly Bakharoff and his intrigues. Docheff accused Bakharoff of promising Bulgarian ZRENAUTLE types ~~and that they~~ the support to take teams to Greece shortly for training and operations.

4. In all fairness to Docheff, some truth probably exists in his reasons for the actions taken by him in his fight for the leadership within the ENF and defending the accusations made against him. However, this is of no concern to me as more and more I am convinced that ZRENAUTLE suffers immensely from its dependence upon political groups (ENF and ERA) for the success of its program. I am firmly under the impression that we should untangle ourselves from the web of political intrigues and concentrate our effort on the recruitment, training, supporting and externally holding independent and motivated individuals who are

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sympathetic to the ZERNAUFLE/Bulgarian cause sans political prestige. History proves that a people dominated by a police state for a number of years couldn't care less for the so called leaders-in-exile when and if the time is ripe for the liberation. This remains my personal opinion for the time being and we shall await the results of a forthcoming meeting which Dean and I are to hold with Slavov, Gospidinov and Bakharoff - the anti-Docheff faction.

5. Whatever the outcome of this forthcoming meeting, I believe that use of any political leader for the recruitment of ZERNAUFLE agents is not the proper approach. It is my opinion that a temporary solution to the problem is to recruit and train (on a compartmented basis) pro-Docheff teams, anti-Docheff teams and teams independent of any political faction. Too much time and money has been spent trying to extricate ourselves from the BNF/BRA vacuum.

6. Docheff was paid his salary (\$300.00) for the month of September. He also submitted an accounting for an outstanding travel advance of \$75.00. However, he was instructed to resubmit the accounting at the next meeting because a \$47.90 claim for travel and expenses to the Niagara Falls meeting was not approved. I told him that I did not instruct him to go to Niagara Falls. It was a meeting of the BNF to discuss their internal mess and therefore had no bearing on ZERNAUFLE whatsoever.

7. My next meeting with Docheff will be held between 15-20 November in either Buffalo or New York. He will be notified of the exact date.

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ZERNAUFLE Project Case Officer

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